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## **13 Mile Campground Set to Close for Summer**

**Las Vegas** -- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area's 13-Mile campground is scheduled to temporarily close from June 1 to August 26 due to limited visitation and limited staff resources.

"Summer usually represents our lowest level of usage and we are going to focus our efforts on projects this summer that a greater number of visitors will enjoy," said Tim O'Brien National Conservation Area Manager.

Last year, the campground was filled to seven percent capacity in June, four percent capacity in July and six percent capacity in August. The rest of the year averages at least 50 percent capacity.

Limited backcountry camping (no facilities) at Red Rock Canyon is available by permit only. Those who wish to apply for the free permit should call 515-5050 for more information.

Camping is allowed on BLM land outside of the Las Vegas Valley for up to two weeks without charge. Popular primitive (no facilities) sites include Bitter Spring Back Country Byway, Gold Butte Back Country Byway, Knob Hill, Virgin Mountains, Christmas Tree Pass and Logandale Trails System.

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The 13-Mile Campground was opened in 1998 and is located two miles west of the visitor center on Highway 159. The campground features 66 campsites and five group campsites. Most campsites include a picnic table and grill. Water and toilets are located nearby. No hookups area available.